

Program C: Client Payments

Program Authorization: Social Security Act as amended by P.L. 100-485; R.S. 46:237.1-236.2

Program Description

The mission of the Client Payments Program is to pay financial benefits directly to, or on behalf of, those individuals and families who make application and are found eligible under the requirements of the appropriate program. These payments serve to accomplish the office's primary mission of assisting vulnerable people in meeting their basic human needs of economic support and promoting self-sufficiency and independence.

The goals of the Client Payments Program are:

1. To increase the ability of low-income individuals and families who are unable to provide for themselves or their families through employment or their own resources, to obtain the basic necessities of life by providing temporary money grants to or on behalf of those who are eligible for assistance.
2. To reduce and avoid dependency on public assistance through the payment to custodial parents of child support collected from non-custodial parents, and to pay child support incentive payments to entities responsible for collections.
3. To supply funds directly to public assistance recipients, or through purchase of service contracts, for education and training services to enable them to achieve or move toward self-sufficiency.
4. To finance the provision of child care during education and training of Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) recipients, or to former FITAP recipients, during periods of transition to independence.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$30,093,287	\$22,237,968	\$22,237,968	\$22,237,968	\$19,237,968	(\$3,000,000)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	837,328	0	63,934,635	0	0	(63,934,635)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	(819,981)	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	1,489,137	1,489,137	1,489,137	1,489,137	1,489,137	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	164,860,332	313,523,032	313,523,032	324,732,151	330,915,544	17,392,512
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$196,460,103	\$337,250,137	\$401,184,772	\$348,459,256	\$351,642,649	(\$49,542,123)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Related Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses	916	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Services	340	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	196,458,847	337,250,137	401,184,772	348,459,256	351,642,649	(49,542,123)
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$196,460,103	\$337,250,137	\$401,184,772	\$348,459,256	\$351,642,649	(\$49,542,123)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Statutory Dedication and Federal Funds. Federal Funds are obtained from: The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant for temporary monthly cash payments; the Social Security Act, Section 1113 and P.L. 86-571 for payments to U.S. citizens returning from a foreign country due to mental illness or destitution; Refugee Resettlement Act of 1980 (P.L. 212) for payments to needy refugees, and the Child Care and Development Block Grant, for child care assistance payments. The Statutory Dedication is the Louisiana Fund (R.S. 39:98(4)-Tobacco Settlement) to match federal child care funds transfer to the Department of Education for the Starting Point Program. (Per R.S. 39:36B.(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each statutory dedicated fund.)

	ACTUAL	ACT 12	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
Louisiana Fund	\$1,489,137	\$1,489,137	\$1,489,137	\$1,489,137	\$1,489,137	\$0

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$22,237,968	\$337,250,137	0	ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$63,934,635	0	Department of the Military for Tropical Storm Allison
\$22,237,968	\$401,184,772	0	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001
\$0	(\$63,934,635)	0	Other Non-Recurring Adjustments - To the Military Department for Tropical Storm Allison
(\$3,000,000)	\$14,392,512	0	Other Technical Adjustments - TANF Initiatives
\$19,237,968	\$351,642,649	0	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$19,237,968	\$351,642,649	0	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$19,237,968	\$351,642,649	0	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$0 This program does not have funding for professional services

\$0 TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

\$123,752,551	Subsidized child day care payments for Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) recipients, and for other low income parents
\$72,000,000	Monthly case assistance payments for eligible FITAP recipients
\$16,000,000	Payments for job training, transportation and other welfare to work supportive services to FITAP recipients
\$7,500,000	Payments for teen pregnancy prevention services
\$593,854	Cash assistance payments for eligible refugees
\$100,000	Provision to reimburse custodial parents for child support payments for lost checks, until the check is located, or reissued
\$10,000	Payments to indigent U.S. citizens repatriated from foreign countries due to poverty or other circumstances
\$3,000,000	Payments for Energy Assistance to needy families
\$1,500,000	Payments for Two-Parent Families/Family Strengthening programs for needy families
\$5,000,000	Payments for Housing Initiatives for needy families
\$1,000,000	Payments for Home Ownership Opportunities for needy families
\$1,000,000	Payments for Substandard Housing Emergency Home Repair for needy families
\$5,000,000	Payments for Community Response Initiative for needy families
\$2,000,000	Payments for Individual Development Accounts (IDA) to needy families
\$2,000,000	Payments for Transportation services to needy families
\$3,000,000	Payments for Parenting Initiatives to needy families

\$243,456,405	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
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Interagency Transfers:

\$10,000,000	Payments to the Workforce Commission for tuition and skill upgrades for needy families
\$1,000,000	Payments to the Office of Economic Development for Micro-Enterprise services for needy families
\$3,000,000	Payments to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals for Early Childhood Intervention services - Office of Mental Health
\$1,000,000	Payments to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to Expand School-based Health Centers
\$3,000,000	Payments to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals for Existing School-based Health Centers
\$210,054	Payments to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals for medical services for refugees
\$46,190	Payments to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health for teen pregnancy prevention services
\$2,000,000	Payments to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals-Office of Addictive Disorders for non-medical substance abuse treatment
\$11,000	Payments to the Office of Community Services for social services to refugees
\$2,250,000	Payments to the Office of Community Services for Up-front Diversion programs for needy families
\$1,800,000	Payments to the Office of Community Services for day care services for foster children
\$4,000,000	Payments to the Dept. of Corrections for Project Return
\$3,000,000	Payments to the Dept. of Education - Vocational Technical schools for Job Skills training at corrections facilities

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OTHER CHARGES

\$5,019,000	Payments to the Dept. of Education for the Starting Points preschool program
\$32,000,000	Payments to the Dept. of Education for Pre-K services
\$7,000,000	Payments to the Dept. of Education for GED/Skills Option
\$6,000,000	Payments to the Dept. of Education for After school/tutorial services
\$6,000,000	Payments to the Dept. of Education for Child Literacy programs
\$2,000,000	Payments to the Dept. of Education for Family/Adult Literacy programs
\$1,250,000	Payments to the Supreme Court for Truancy services
\$3,600,000	Payments to the Supreme Court for Court Advocates for CASA
\$5,000,000	Payments to the Supreme Court for Drug Court services
\$6,000,000	Payments to the Office of Community Programs for services for needy families
\$3,000,000	Payments to the Office of Women's Services for Domestic Violence programs for needy families
\$108,186,244	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$351,642,649	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$0 This program does not have funding for acquisitions and major repairs

\$0 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS